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John and Edwina Thornton with one of the food aid recipients.

English couple gives RM26,000 to food aid programme

KUALA LUMPUR: Attracted by the success of MyKasih Programme distributing welfare aid, John and Edwina Thornton became the latest individual sponsors.

The English couple, who joined the growing list of donors, made a contribution of RM26,000 to the MyKasih Foundation.

"The transparency and accountability in MyKasih Programme in distributing food aid motivated my wife and I to be part of it," John Thornton, president and CEO of Conoco

Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd said.

"The rehabilitation programme for both parents and children of recipient families is a great boost to help them break out of the poverty trap," Thornton added.

MyKasih Programme made its debut in two years ago with 25 families.

Launched in April 2009 with Dialog Group as the first corporate donor, the success of this nationwide programme has been New Weeking

MyKasih Foundation chairman Ngau Boon Keat hoped that more corporations and individuals will come forward to support this noble cause.

Last year, caring citizens of Malaysia, Singapore, America and New Zealand became sponsors to over 170 recipient families in the Klang Valley.

At present, MyKasih Foundation sponsors essential food items for 4,000 families in the country.

MyKasih also promotes rehabilitation with programmes such as skills training, financial literacy and educational based activities.